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GENEVA FOR PHELAN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: USG/GOM BILATERAL TEXTILE CONSULTATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (AGREED
MINUTES) INITIALLED APRIL 8, 1975:

"REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA AND THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA MET IN VALLETTA ON APRIL 8,
1975 WITH REFERENCE TO THE COTTON TEXTILES AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO
BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES ON JUNE 14, 1967, AS AMENDED.

"AS A RESULT OF THE REPRESENTATIVES' MUTUAL REVIEW OF
ARTICLE 2 OF THE ARRANGEMENT REGARDING INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN
TEXTILES, THE REPRESENTATIVES AGREED THAT THE EXPIRED AGREEMENT
NEED NOT BE RENEWED AND INSTEAD SHOULD BE REPLACED BY THE
FOLLOWING CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM:

"SHOULD COTTON TEXTILE OR COTTON TEXTILE PRODUCT
EXPORTS FROM MALTA TO THE UNITED STATES DEVELOP IN A
MANNER WHICH, IN THE UNTIED STATES, CAUSES PROBLEMS OF
MARKET DISRUPTION AS DEFINED IN ANNEX A OF THE ARRANGEMENT,
THE UNITED STATES RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REQUEST CONSULTATIONS
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WITH MALTA. HOWEVER, IN NO CASE WOULD THE UNITED STATES

REQUEST SUCH CONSULTATIONS BEFORE THE LEVELS OF THE AGREEMENT,
WHICH EXPIRED ON MARCH 31, 1975, ARE ACHIEVE. THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF MALTA AGREES TO RESPOND
PROMPTLY TO SUCH REQUEST FOR CONSULTATION WITH A VIEW TO
REACHING AN EARLY AGREEMENT REGARDING COTTON TEXTILE OR
COTTON TEXTILE PRODUCT EXPORTS ON MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY TERMS.
SUCH CONSULTATIONS WOULD BE HELD WITHIN 60 DAYS OF SUCH A
REQUEST UNLESS MUTUALLY AGREED OTHERWISE."

2. EB/TFD SHOULD PREPARE DRAFT NOTE BASED ON MEMORDANDUM
AND TELEGRAPH DRAFT TO AMEMBASSY ALLETTA, ATTENTION PENNINGER.
UPON ACCEPTANCE BY GOM OF DRAFT, AUTHORIZATION SHOULD BE
GIVEN AMBASSADOR TO EXCHANGE NOTES. SMITH

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